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This message updates reftel and provides the complete listing of Kuwait's Cabinet in protocol order. The Cabinet was officially formed July 14, 2003 with one exception: the Minister of Social Affairs and Labor was appointed July 27, after reftel was transmitted.

Prime Minister: His Highness Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Jaber al-Sabah (First Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister in the previous Cabinet)

Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister: His Excellency Shaykh Nawwaf al-Ahmed al-Jaber al-Sabah (not in previous Cabinet; was Deputy Commander of the National Guard)

Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister: His Excellency Shaykh Jaber Mubarak al-Hamad al-Sabah (no change)

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Minister of State for National Assembly Affairs: His Excellency Mohammed Dhaifullah Sharar (no change)

Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs: His Excellency Abdullah al-Matooq (not in previous Cabinet)

Minister of Commerce and Industry: His Excellency Abdullah Abdulrahman al-Taweel (not in previous Cabinet)

Minister of Communications, Minister of Planning, Minister of State for Development of Administrative Affairs: His Excellency Shaykh Ahmed Abdullah al-Ahmed al-Sabah (held the Communications portfolio in the previous Cabinet)

Minister of Education and Minister of Higher Education: His Excellency Dr. Rasheed Hamad al-Hamad (not in previous Cabinet)

Minister of Energy (a new ministry, merging Ministry of Oil and Ministry of Electricity and Water): His Excellency Shaykh Ahmed al-Fahd al-Ahmed al-Sabah (was Minister of Information and Acting Minister of Oil)

Minister of Finance: His Excellency Mahmoud al-Nouri (not in previous Cabinet)

Minister of Social Affairs and Labor: His Excellency Feisal al-Hajji (not in previous Cabinet; named July 27. Graduate of Cairo University - Business Administration, 1968; former diplomat who rose to be Ambassador to Bahrain (1988-92); head of Kuwait Hotel Company.

Minister of Health: His Excellency Dr. Mohammed Ahmed al-Jarallah (no change)

Minister of Information: His Excellency Mohammed Abdullah Abulhassan (was UN PermRep)

Minister of Foreign Affairs: His Excellency Shaykh Dr. Mohammed Sabah al-Salem al-Sabah (was Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Acting Finance Minister, and Acting Planning Minister in previous cabinet)

Minister of Justice: His Excellency Ahmed Yaqoub Baqer al-Abdullah (note: name generally shown as Ahmed Baqer; held this post as well as Awqaf and Islamic Affairs in previous Cabinet; the only member of the current Cabinet who is also an elected member of the National Assembly)

Minister of Public Works and Minister of State for Housing Affairs: His Excellency Badr Nasser al-Humaidhi (not in previous Cabinet)

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